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FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH OBTAINED FROM EMBASSY FILES  
AND CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE (ALIZADEH)  
TODAY, IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

1. AS OF LATE AUGUST 1974 IRAN HAD FIRM CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.4 MILLION METRIC TONS OF WHEAT. GOI WOULD IMPORT ALL OF THIS WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF 250-300 THOUSAND CONTRACT WHICH MIGHT COME FROM NON-US ORIGIN (I.E. AUSTRALIA). NO PURCHASES FROM ARGENTINA CONTEMPLATED. NOT YET DETERMINED IF OPTION THIS LATTER CONTRACT WILL BE EXERCISED.
2. IN EARLY OCTOBER IRAN SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 600,000 METRIC TONS US WHEAT. THUS, TOTAL WHEAT PURCHASES FROM US FOR DELIVERY THROUGH JUNE 1975 TOTALS TWO MILLION METRIC TONS.
3. DEPUTY MINISTER ALIZADEH INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ENTIRE TWO MILLION METRIC TONS FOR CONSUMPTION IN IRAN AND NOT FOR DELIVERY TO ANY THIRD COUNTRY. 1974 DOMESTIC WHEAT CROP ESTIMATED  
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BY CEREALS ORGANIZATION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AT 3.8 MILLION

METRIC TONS. THIS ESTIMATE WAS RECENTLY REVISED DOWNWARD TO 3.7 MILLION METRIC TONS. TOTAL WHEAT CONSUMPTION NOW ESTIMATED AT 5.4 MILLION METRIC TONS. THIS HIGHER CONSUMPTION FIGURE THAN HITHERTO REPORTED DUE GOVERNMENT DECISION MAINTAIN LOW BREAD PRICE PLUS RAPIDLY INCREASING CONSUMER INCOMES. SOME ADDITIONAL CONSUMPTION FOR KURDISH REFUGEES ALSO FIGURES IN UPWARD REVISION. MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO INSURE ADEQUATE WHEAT STOCKS IN ORDER TO AVOID BREAD RIOTS WHICH OCCURRED IN MARCH AND APRIL OF THIS YEAR.

3. WHEAT CARRY OVER AS OF JUNE 30, 1975 WILL BE 300,000 METRIC TONS, I.E. LESS THAN ONE MONTH'S SUPPLY.  
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